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Subject: Re: Please respond: Fundraiser under review effective immediately
Date: February 3, 2022 at 1:53 PM
To: FCcommunications@gofundme.com
Cc: keith keith@wilsonlawoffices.ca

Further to our email and our voice message wherein we called you to discuss as requested. Please call us back at 780.218.7555 ASAP and/or provide an alternative number to call.
Kind regards,
Eva

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We have been forwarded the response below. We have advised that we are available at 3pm MST. Please confirm the phone number.
Eva

----- Original Message -----

On Thursday, February 3rd, 2022 at 11:52 AM, FC Communications <FCcommunications@gofundme.com> wrote:
Hello,

Please reply with a time today or tomorrow that you, your legal and accounting teams can join a call with GoFundMe and our legal team. We need to speak about the outstanding information we've requested and our review of your fundraiser. Once confirmed, we will send a link for the call.

On Wed, Feb 2, 2022 at 1:29 PM FC Communications <FCcommunications@gofundme.com> wrote:

Dear Freedom Convoy 2022 organizing committee,

We are reaching out to let you know that we have placed your fundraiser under review as we work to ensure it continues to comply with our Terms of Service, which guides what type of fundraising is permitted on GoFundMe. During this review process, donations will be disabled which means new donations will not be accepted, and viewers of the fundraiser will see a banner communicating that it is under review.

Our review of your fundraiser was started because of reports of potentially unlawful activities by protesters in Ottawa and nonresponse to our multiple requests for assurance that no funds raised on GoFundMe have been or will be transmitted to individuals suspected of acting unlawfully.

As soon as possible, we need answers to the questions in our Feb. 1st communication to you, a copy of which is included below for

your convenience, and in particular, we need confirmation that only individuals peacefully and lawfully protesting, i.e., no vandalism of property, no blockades of roads and highways, etc., have or will receive funds.

If you have any questions, please reply to this communication.

-----Original Message-----

On
Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 at 11:55 AM,
FCcomms
<FCcommunications@gofundme.com>
wrote:

Hi
Tamara,

Given how quickly everything is occurring, I wanted to follow up on the email [Redacted] sent to you yesterday and to ask a few additional questions. Please provide answers within 24 hours as we prepare to distribute your requested second transfer of funds. In order to do so, we will require responses to the questions below.

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Please confirm that funds raised will only go to reimburse the fuel costs of convoy participants:

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(1) for their travel to Ottawa (not any other locations or with any other convoys)?

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(2) who engage in peaceful and lawful protests, i.e., no vandalism of property, no blockades of roads and highways, etc.?

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Does the prior decision to not reimburse food and shelter expenses still hold?

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Do you plan on posting an update to the fundraiser to reiterate that protests should remain peaceful, you do not condone any acts or threats of violence and that individuals suspected of engaging in illegal activity during the protests will not be eligible to receive funds?

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You have requested another transfer of funds:

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How much of the initial \$1M of transferred funds has been distributed to participants and to how many participants?

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How much are you requesting for this second transfer of funds?

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Has the distribution plan for this second transfer of funds changed at all?

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Approximately how many participants do you anticipate this second transfer of funds will cover?

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Has an organization bank account been set up or are you requesting we transfer the funds to your personal bank account, as we did with the first \$1M?

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Have you begun considering which charitable organization(s) will receive the remaining funds after distribution to participants? Please provide us with their names before announcing publicly as we will first need to verify on our end that they are registered charities in good standing.

Lastly,

we wanted to let you know that, as is our standard practice in potentially volatile situations like this, we will be reaching out to local law enforcement to obtain information on the individuals suspected of engaging in illegal activity during the protests.

We will provide as much information as possible regarding the individuals to you so that you can ensure they do not receive a disbursement of money from your fundraiser. It is very important that funds are only distributed to those who engage in peaceful protesting

as our platform cannot be used to fund violence, vandalism or illegal activities. This is against our Terms of Service.